

IF

HEAD OF CHURCH SAYS POLYGAMY MUST CEASE



OFFICIALS HOTLY DENOUNCE PLURAL MARRIAGES

Declare Such Unions Against the Laws of God and Man and the Perpetrators As Enemies—President Joseph F. Smith, After Bitter Greeted By Thousands of Followers.

Emphatic—sometimes almost heated—denunciation of reported cases of new polygamous marriages, together with the men who promote or perform them, was uttered at the opening session last Friday morning at Salt Lake City of the eighty-ninth semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The denunciation was voted by Elder Charles W. Penrose of the first presidency and was later unequivocally approved by President Joseph F. Smith. It was repeated and further confirmed at the afternoon session by President Heber J. Grant of the council of twelve apostles, who said he spoke for himself and every other member of the apostolic quorum. "Any man who claims to hold the priesthood," President Penrose said, "and who goes about whispering that it is all right to engage in plural marriage, is a rebel against the church and the law of the state. He is an outlaw. Such pretended marriages are not marriages at all. Advisors are equally culpable with actual offenders. Both are displeasing to the Lord, to the authorities of the church and are offensive to citizens by whom they are surrounded."

We're Never Authorized

* Briefly, at the close of the morning session, President Joseph F. Smith approved President Penrose's denunciation in the following words: "I feel it imperative upon myself to endorse and affirm without reservation the statement that has been made by President Penrose in relation to the subject upon which he has treated. I want to say to this congregation and to the world that never, at any time, since my presidency in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have I authorized any man to perform a plural marriage, and never, since my presidencies of the church, has any plural marriage been performed with my sanction or knowledge or with the consent of the church. Therefore, such marriages as have been performed unlawfully and contrary to the orders of the church are null and void in the sight of God and man and are not marriages at all. I want you to put this down in your notebooks and remember it as long as you live, because it is true."

President Penrose had declared that, under the law of the church, there was but one man on earth at any one time who held the keys of authority in the matter of plural marriages, and that was the president of the church. This probably was one chief reason for bringing from President Smith the unqualified statement which he uttered. In the opening address of the afternoon President Heber J. Grant of the council of twelve apostles referred to the utterances of the morning on this subject. "Men who hold the priesthood," President Grant said, "and who teach plural marriage are rebels against and traitors to the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are branding the church as untrue to its trust and agreements in the eyes of people who do not belong to us. They are bringing their fellow church members into disrepute before the world. I say there is a lack of patriotism in the members of the church who will not report to the proper authorities any man who will teach that doctrine or advise that practice. I speak in behalf of all the apostles, because I know their feelings on this subject."

The manifesto which inhibited in the church the practice of plural marriage was issued by the late President Wilford Woodruff on September 25, 1890, and was reprinted and adopted by the conference of October 6, 1890, twenty-eight years ago.

Speaks For the Apostles

In his reference to this subject, President Smith said that on October 6, 1918, he had notified all presidents of stakes that new cases of plural marriage were reported. Again, when there was a renewal of such rumors and reports, he had, on January 21, 1918, sent another letter to presidents of stakes recalling their attention to the former letter and instructing them to adopt every measure

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CARBON COALMAN GETS CONGRESSIONAL HONOR

W. H. WATTIS, THE MAN, AND OGDEN HIS HOME

Hon. James W. Cherry of Sanpete County Has Walkaway From the Zion Bench in Nomination For the Supreme Bench—Arthur J. Lee of Price Is Congressional Committee-man.

Former Governor William Spry of Salt Lake City and W. H. Wattis of Ogden were nominated for congress from the Second and First districts, respectively, at the hands of the republican congressional convention held in Salt Lake City last Friday. Both men were nominated by acclamation. The republican state convention named J. E. Frick of Salt Lake City, present chief justice of the supreme court for the six-year term on the supreme bench; A. E. Bowen of Logan for the eight-year term and James W. Cherry of Mt. Pleasant for the ten year term.

The state convention adopted a platform denouncing alleged efforts of the democratic party to "put partnership above patriotism" and making patriotism and loyalty party issues, opposing federalization of industries as a necessary military measure, declaring for national woman suffrage, for a state law giving women an eight-hour working day, condemning the present governor of Utah for trying to draw the schools into politics, and calling upon the present state administration for an accounting of the twenty-five thousand dollar appropriation asked of the legislature, which was to have returned to the treasury one hundred dollars of alleged republican waste for every dollar of the appropriation. The appearance of Spry before the convention in the afternoon was the signal for a storm of applause, to which the governor replied with a speech of acceptance of the nomination.

Committee reports were received and the temporary organization was made permanent. The report of the platform committee was read by Don B. Colton of Uintah. For justice of the supreme court for the six-year term, Justice J. E. Frick was named by acclamation. For the eight-year term the names of A. E. Bowen of Logan and James W. Cherry of Mt. Pleasant were submitted with the result that Bowen was nominated. For the long term, the names of W. J. Barrette, Salt Lake; M. L. Ritchie, and George G. Armstrong, all of Salt Lake City, and James W. Cherry, Mt. Pleasant, were submitted. The ballot gave the nomination to Cherry by a large margin.

The First congressional district then opened its convention with Robert Wyne of Juab as chairman. Wattis' name was placed before the convention, and, though he objected to being a candidate, he was nominated by acclamation, and he then declared he would do his best to win. A congressional committee for the First district was named, consisting of D. B. Colton, Thomas Seavey, A. B. McGuire, H. D. Goldsborough and Henry Welch. Following the last convention, the new state committee and candidates met at republican headquarters and discussed plans for the coming campaign.

Arthur J. Lee of Price was named congressional committeeman for Carbon county, George Seal for Duchesne, S. P. Snow of Emery and Knut Benson for Uintah. The nominee for congress is an old-time resident of Ogden, and became identified with Carbon county affairs some two or three years ago. He at that time began opening up the big coal deposits over north of Hawassa at the town which now bears his name. He has for years been connected with Wattis Construction company. He never before has been in politics.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION—HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER EIGHT.

A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article 13 of the Constitution of the State of Utah, relating to uniform taxes and exemptions:

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Utah, now assembled, and hereafter to be known henceforward as follows:

Section 1. That it is proposed to amend Section 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution of the State of Utah so that the same will read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislators shall provide by law a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation on all property in the State, according to its value in money, and shall provide by general law such regulations as may be necessary for the assessment of all property, so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property: Provided, that a deduction of credits from credits may be allowed for taxes paid to other states or to the United States, or to the State constitution, cities, towns, school districts, municipal corporations, and public libraries, into the buildings theron used exclusively for either religious purposes, or for charitable or educational purposes, or for local or state or private or corporate benefit, shall be exempt from taxation. Duties, canals, reservoirs, pipes and ditches owned and used by individuals or corporations for irrigating lands owned by such individuals or corporations, and the property thereof, shall not be separately taxed so long as they shall be owned and used exclusively for such purpose: Provided further, that mortgages upon both real and personal property shall be exempt from taxation. Section 2. The Secretary of State is directed to cause this proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the State at the next general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. If adopted by the electors of the State, this proposed amendment shall take effect on the first day of January, 1919.

Approved March 12, 1918.

L. HARDEN BENNISON, Secretary of State of the State of Utah, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article XIII of the Constitution of the State of Utah, relating to uniform taxes and exemptions.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah, this 23rd day of August, 1918.

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